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Week ending June 19, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, June 19, 2011**. The drought continues to affect much of the state. Pasture and hay crop conditions are declining rapidly from a lack of moisture. Hit and miss scattered showers fell last week, and we still need a soaking rain. Soil moisture was rated 37 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 23 adequate.

Crop progress for week ending June 19, 2011

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Corn, silked | 80 | 62 | 77 | 77 |
| Corn, dough | 16 | 6 | 16 | 15 |
| Cotton, planted | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Cotton, emerged | 99 | 96 | 99 | 99 |
| Cotton, squaring | 37 | 17 | 50 | 45 |
| Hay-Cool Season, harvested | 100 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| Hay-Warm Season, harvested | 44 | 30 | 39 | 34 |
| Peanuts, planted | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 |
| Peanuts, pegging | 7 | -- | 17 | 7 |
| Rice, emerged | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Sorghum, planted | 99 | 95 | 100 | 100 |
| Sorghum, emerged | 92 | 86 | 99 | 98 |
| Soybeans, planted | 99 | 97 | 100 | 99 |
| Soybeans, emerged | 96 | 91 | 98 | 97 |
| Soybeans, blooming | 29 | 16 | 34 | 49 |
| Sweet Potatoes, planted | 76 | 65 | 69 | 67 |
| Watermelons, harvested | 14 | -- | 24 | 16 |
| Winter Wheat, mature | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Winter Wheat, harvested | 100 | 88 | 94 | 95 |

Crop condition for week ending June 19, 2011

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Blueberries | 0 | 11 | 35 | 52 | 2 |
| Corn | 14 | 10 | 34 | 29 | 13 |
| Cotton | 5 | 13 | 26 | 48 | 8 |
| Hay | 35 | 24 | 29 | 12 | 0 |
| Livestock | 1 | 16 | 48 | 33 | 2 |
| Pasture | 23 | 35 | 30 | 12 | 0 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 0 | 35 | 57 | 8 |
| Rice | 0 | 2 | 34 | 48 | 16 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 4 | 31 | 60 | 5 |
| Soybeans | 4 | 8 | 25 | 53 | 10 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 0 | 14 | 27 | 47 | 12 |
| Watermelons | 0 | 24 | 49 | 27 | 0 |

Comments

“Corn is tasselling and silking with no water. All dryland corn is suffering with some already browning and dying, while cotton and soybeans are holding up well so far.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Extreme heat and dry conditions continue to prevail as they take their toll on crops. Farmers are working 24/7 to irrigate everything possible. At this point corn yields are probably irreversible and soybeans are at that pivotal point where they need a rain soon. Cotton continues to prove why it was king for so many years, but adequate moisture is needed with most of it starting to square.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Many areas in Scott County received a good shower this past week. However, we are still below average and pastures, lawns, and gardens are dry and in need of a good soaking rain.”

— Brittany Reyer, Scott

“Recent rains have helped the drought conditions, but more rain is needed to help sustain the soybean and cotton crop in the area. Corn has lost substantial yields due to the extremely dry weather the last several weeks.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“We have received about 2 inches of rain over the last 3 weeks. Cotton and peanuts look good but need rain. Pastures are short and prospects for a hay crop look bad at present. Yards and gardens are really hurting. Daily temperatures average 100 in the shade.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“We missed out on any rain last week, so it is still very dry. Dryland crops are showing obvious signs of drought stress, while irrigated crops look to be doing very well. Weed control has been difficult for some, but insect pressure has not been too bad. Wheat harvest is through and yields were remarkably higher than expected. Much of the wheat on non-irrigated land was not planted back in soybeans because of such dry conditions.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Soybeans have been planted behind the wheat crop. Most of the county got some rain last week. Those that did not are watering all they can.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Yalobusha County got a little rain last week, some areas heavier than others. Cotton is looking good, corn is hurting and needs more rain, and soybeans also need more rain.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“It has continued to be hot and dry with lots of water being pumped for irrigation needs.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Hot, dry weather is taking a toll on the crops in the county. Some irrigation is not able to keep the crops wet.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Although some localities have received enough rain to sustain crops, much of this area is now experiencing extreme drought conditions. Much of our older corn is damaged beyond recovery and yields will be greatly reduced from normal levels.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Parts of the county received 3-5" of rain Monday and had another good shower on Thursday while others did not get any rain.”

— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Drought continues to plague the area. Corn is going to be the hardest hit and will not provide high yields at this time. Corn will be a total disaster. Soybeans are holding on but many plants within the field have died and reducing the plant population to low levels. Many fields have not been planted but will be planted if we can get rain before July 1. We have been using chisel plows to break hard pans and get planters in the ground. Late planted soybeans will be the answer for this year if we can get some rains. GP IV soybeans are the worst hit because of their early planting date.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“Spotty showers gave some areas relief from drought conditions.”

— Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

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